# PROGRAM

### Introduction of the Speakers

Mark A. Bruzonsky Lawyer, author, and founder of the Jewish Committee on the Middle East

Mark Hammel Psychologist, Israeli citizen, member of Yesh G'vul, and veteran of the Israeli Defense Forces

# (10 minutes)

Hatem I. Hussaini Member of the Palestine National Council, and Professor at the International Studies Center, Shaw University.

## **Comments from the Audience**

Please join our speakers for a reception in the lobby immediately after the forum.

#### ABOUT CHARLESTON PEACE

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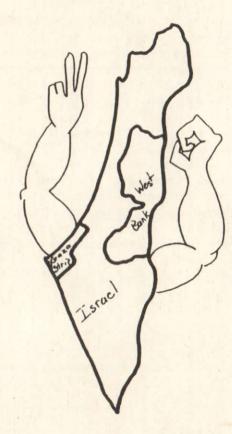
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# A FORUM ON THE MIDDLE EAST

#### April 22, 1989

#### College of Charleston Charleston, South Carolina



#### MARK A. BRUZONSKY

Mark A. Bruzonsky was a Root-Tilden Scholar at New York University Law School. He also received a master's degree in International Affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University.

For eight years he served as associate editor of Worldview magazine. From 1977--1984, Mr. Bruzonsky was the Washington associate of the World Jewish Congress. He also acted from 1976--1985 as special assistant to Philip Klutznick, president of the World Jewish Congress and of B'nai B'rith International.

Mr. Bruzonsky has been a consultant on Middle East affairs in Washington for the Congressional Quarterly; the National Geographic Socity; and the Smithsonian's Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. The latter published his latest edited book, Security in the Middle East.

In 1988, Mr. Bruzonsky founded the Jewish Committee on the Middle East (JCOME). This organization currently counts more than a thousand American Jews as members, including professors from nearly one hundred univerities. Its purpose is to stimulate new U.S. policies in the Middle East that are consistent with the American commitment to democracy and selfdetermination.

#### MARK HAMMEL

A former member of Habouni/Labor Zionist Youth, Dr. Mark Hammel emigrated to Israel in 1968 after working as an agricultural volunteer during the 1967 Six Day War. During the ten years he spent in Israel, Dr. Hammel lived on a kibbutz, and he also served in the Israeli Defense Force in the occupied territories of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

When he returned to the United States, Dr. Hammel became an activist with New York Friends of Peace Now. He is currently affiliated with Friends of Yesh G'vul, an organization of conscientious objectors to Israel's present policies in the occupied territories.

Dr. Hammel is a psychologist in private practice in Shokan, New York. He has a special interest in the problems and treatment of Vietnam veterans.

#### HATEM I. HUSSAINI

Dr. Hatem Hussaini has held a number of distinguished posts in the fields of international diplomacy and academic studies. At the United Nations he was Deputy Observer of the Palestinian Delegation (1982-1984), and advisor to the League of Arab States delegation. Dr. Hussaini served for more than ten years with the League of Arab States office in Washington, D.C., as director of the office in 1974–1975. He also headed the Palestine Information Office in Washington, D.C. (1978–1982).

Among Dr. Hussaini's academic contributions are teaching assignments on American Politics at the University of Massachusetts (1967–1969); on Governments and Politics of the Middle East at Smith College (1969–1970); and on Islamic History at the University of Maryland (1975– 1976). He has lectured extensively at other U.S. universities on the subjects of the Middle East and the Arab-Israeli conflict. Dr. Hussaini has participated in numerous International Conferences on the Middle East

A prolific writer, Dr. Hussaini has authored many articles and books. Among them are Toward Peace in Palestine (ed.) 1980; The Palestinians (ed.) 1981; In Solidarity with Palestine (ed.) 1982; and The Palestine Problem: Annotated Bibliography 1978, 1981.

Dr. Hussaini was born in Jerusalem in 1941, and he has lived in Lebanon and Egypt. He received his B.A. in Economics from the American University in Cairo (1962) and his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Massachusetts. Presently, Dr. Hussaini is a professor at the International Studies Center at Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina. He serves on the Palestine National Council, the Palestinian parliament in exile.